

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on February 11, 2009 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: None  
Executive Action: HB 272, HB 256, HB 336, HB 324  
HB 321

00:00:01 Call to order  
00:00:57 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272**

00:01:54 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 272 DO PASS.**

00:02:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 272 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT**(loh32a01)

00:03:15 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 272 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:03:28 Rep. Ingraham  
00:04:40 Rep. More  
00:05:28 Rep. Reinhart  
(Rep. Grinde arrived)  
00:06:52 Rep. Vance  
00:07:19 Rep. Menahan  
00:07:59 Rep. MacLaren  
00:08:38 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:08:47 Mr. Kolman

00:09:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Becker, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Menahan, Rep. More, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Sands voting aye. Rep. Stahl and Rep. Berry voted by proxy.

00:10:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Becker moved that **HB 272 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote.

00:11:17 Mr. Kolman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256**

00:11:53 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 256 DO PASS.**

00:12:00 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 256 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(loh32a02)

**Discussion:**

00:13:29 Mr. Kolman

00:15:28 Rep. Vance  
 00:15:51 Mr. Kolman  
 00:16:10 Rep. Hands  
 00:16:45 Rep. Reichner  
 00:16:57 Mr. Kolman  
 00:17:12 Rep. Hands  
 00:17:33 Mr. Kolman  
 00:18:07 Rep. Becker  
 00:18:19 Mr. Kolman  
 00:18:45 Rep. Reichner

00:20:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stahl and Rep. Berry voted by proxy.

00:20:31 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 256 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:20:43 Rep. More  
 00:22:26 Rep. Bennett

00:24:40 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Stahl and Rep. Berry voted by proxy.

00:24:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 256 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 321**

00:25:13 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 321 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:25:29 Mr. Kolman  
 00:27:14 Chairwoman Arntzen  
 00:27:59 Rep. Hands  
 00:29:09 Rep. Ingraham  
 00:31:25 Rep. Reinhart  
 00:34:02 Rep. More  
 00:35:22 Rep. Reichner  
 00:36:36 Rep. Hamilton

00:37:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336**

00:39:39 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 336 DO PASS.**

00:39:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. More moved that **HB 336 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry  
and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT**(loh32a03)

00:41:30 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 336 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

00:41:39 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance made a substitute  
motion that **HB 336 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried  
16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Becker and Rep. Hamilton  
voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 324**

00:43:55 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 324 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:44:44 Mr. Kolman

00:45:43 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 324 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(loh32a04)

**Discussion:**

00:45:55 Rep. Hands

00:46:28 Mr. Kolman

00:46:47 Rep. Hands

00:46:54 Rep. Bennett

00:47:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.  
Stahl, Rep. Berry and Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

00:47:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 324 DO PASS  
AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Stahl, Rep. Berry and Rep. Reinhart voted by  
proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:48:27 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([loh32aad.pdf](#))**